

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20224 MAR 2 4 2016

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## Dear

This letter is in response to your request dated July 10, 2015, as supplemented by correspondence dated September 21, and 22, 2015, and January 6, 2016, from your authorized representative, in which you have requested a waiver of the 60-day rollover requirement contained in section 408(d)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code ("Code).

The following facts and representations have been submitted under penalty of perjury in support of the ruling requested:

Taxpayer A represents that she took a distribution of Amount 1 from IRA B. Taxpayer A asserts that her failure to accomplish a rollover of Amount 1 within the 60-day period prescribed by Code section 408(d)(3) was due to her medical conditions which impaired her ability to complete the rollover.

Taxpayer A maintained IRA B under section 408(a) of the Code with Financial Institution C. Taxpayer A's daughter's home was in foreclosure in early 2015. On April 8, 2015, Taxpayer A and her spouse put their vacation home up for sale in order to raise funds to purchase their daughter's home. Prior to the sale of

their vacation home, in order to avert foreclosure, Taxpayer A took a distribution of Amount 1 from IRA B on April 24, 2015. Taxpayer A used Amount 1, on April 27, 2015, to purchase her daughter's home.

Taxpayer A intended to redeposit Amount 1 into her IRA within the 60-day rollover period which ended on June 23, 2015. However, the sale of the vacation home was not completed until July 1, 2015, after the 60-day period had expired. During the 60-day period, insufficient funds were available to complete the rollover. Taxpayer A indicated that her spouse was willing to take a distribution from his IRA within the 60-day period to complete the rollover but her medical condition prevented this from occurring. Upon the receipt of the funds from the sale of her vacation home on July 1, 2015, Taxpayer A attempted to complete the rollover but realized the 60-day period had expired.

Based on the above facts and representations, you request that the Internal Revenue Service ("Service") waive the 60-day rollover requirement contained in section 408(d)(3) of the Code with respect to the distribution of Amount 1.

Section 408(d)(1) of the Code provides that, except as otherwise provided in section 408(d), any amount paid or distributed out of an IRA shall be included in gross income by the payee or distributee, as the case may be, in the manner provided under section 72 of the Code.

Section 408(d)(3) of the Code defines and provides the rules applicable to IRA rollovers.

Section 408(d)(3)(A) of the Code provides that section 408(d)(1) of the Code does not apply to any amount paid or distributed out of an IRA to the individual for whose benefit the IRA is maintained if -

- (i) the entire amount received (including money and any other property) is paid into an IRA for the benefit of such individual not later than the 60<sup>th</sup> day after the day on which the individual receives the payment or distribution; or
- (ii) the entire amount received (including money and any other property) is paid into an eligible retirement plan (other than an IRA) for the benefit of such individual not later than the 60<sup>th</sup> day after the date on which the payment or distribution is received, except that the maximum amount which may be paid into such plan may not exceed the portion of the amount received which is includible in gross income (determined without regard to section 408(d)(3)).

Section 408(d)(3)(B) of the Code provides that section 408(d)(3) does not apply to any amount described in section 408(d)(3)(A)(i) received by an individual from an IRA if at any time during the 1-year period ending on the day of such receipt such individual received any other amount described in section 408(d)(3)(A)(i) from an IRA which was not includible in gross income because of the application of section 408(d)(3).

Section 408(d)(3)(D) of the Code provides a similar 60-day rollover period for partial rollovers.

Section 408(d)(3)(E) of the Code provides that the rollover provisions of section 408(d) do not apply to any amount required to be distributed under section 408(a)(6).

Section 408(d)(3)(I) of the Code provides that the Secretary may waive the 60-day requirement under sections 408(d)(3)(A) and 408(d)(3)(D) of the Code where the failure to waive such requirement would be against equity or good conscience, including casualty, disaster, or other events beyond the reasonable control of the individual subject to such requirement. Only distributions that occurred after December 31, 2001, are eligible for the waiver under section 408(d)(3)(I) of the Code.

Rev. Proc. 2003-16, 2003-4 I.R.B. 359 (January 27, 2003) provides that in determining whether to grant a waiver of the 60-day rollover requirement pursuant to section 408(d)(3)(l), the Service will consider all relevant facts and circumstances, including: (1) errors committed by a financial institution; (2) inability to complete a rollover due to death, disability, hospitalization, incarceration, restrictions imposed by a foreign country or postal error, (3) the use of the amount distributed (for example, in the case of payment by check, whether the check was cashed); and (4) the time elapsed since the distribution occurred.

The Service has the authority to waive the 60-day rollover requirement for a distribution from a qualified retirement plan where the individual failed to complete a rollover to another qualified plan or IRA within the 60-day rollover period but was prevented from doing so because of one of the factors enumerated above in Revenue Procedure 2003-16. In this instance, however, the Service finds that the documentation and materials provided by Taxpayer A do not demonstrate how any of these factors resulted in her failure to accomplish a timely rollover of Amount 1. Taxpayer A represented that her inability to complete a rollover of Amount 1 was caused by her medical condition during the 60-day period. However, we are not convinced that Taxpayer A's medical condition prevented a timely rollover considering her continued work and travels. Taxpayer A used the funds as a short term loan to purchase her daughter's home and, as a result, sufficient funds were not readily available until the sale of her vacation home after the 60-day period had expired.

Therefore, the Service declines to waive the 60-day rollover requirement with respect to the distribution of Amount 1 from IRA B.

No opinion is expressed as to the tax treatment of the transaction described herein under the provisions of any other section of either the Code or regulations which may be applicable thereto.

This letter is directed only to the taxpayer who requested it. Section 6110(k)(3) of the Code provides that it may not be used or cited as precedent.

A copy of this letter ruling has been sent to your authorized representative pursuant to a power of attorney on file in this office. If you wish to inquire about this ruling, please contact (I.D. # ), , at ( ) or .

Sincerely yours,

Manager

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